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STATEMENT BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE APPEALS RECUSAL DECISION

The Office of the San Diego City Attorney has filed an appeal of Superior Court Judge Michael Wellington's order recusing the City Attorney's Office from prosecuting an 18-count criminal complaint against Tom Story, an executive with Sunroad Enterprises. The complaint alleges violations of the City of San Diego's Ethics Ordinance, which prohibits lobbying by former City Officials for a one-year period immediately following termination of services with the City of San Diego.

While the City Attorney's Office respectfully disagrees with the Court's ruling, we are not free to disobey it. I strongly believe that the Court erred in its ruling. The filing of the appeal will suspend all trial court proceedings in this matter.

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